

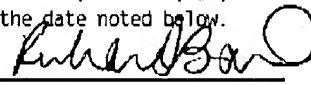
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. : 10/043,903
Applicants : Katsumi NAKAJIMA et al.
Filed : January 11, 2002
For : STEEL SHEET AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Art Unit : 1742
Examiner : Deborah Yee
Docket No. : 02010C/HG
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LETTER RE: WITHDRAWN CLAIMS 17 TO 41

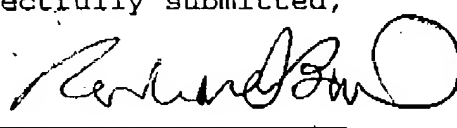
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A NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE dated January 13, 2004 has been
received by the applicants, which indicates that claims 1 to 16
were allowed. The NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE does not refer to claims
17 to 41, which were subject to restriction, not elected by the
applicants and were withdrawn from consideration in the Office
Action of May 22, 2003.

In reply to our telephone message to the Examiner on January
16, 2004, this confirms a telephone message we received from the
Examiner on January 20, 2004 that the Examiner will cancel
withdrawn claims 17 to 41 by an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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